

EXHIBIT B

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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE ON LICENSES AND INSPECTIONS

Remote location using Microsoft® Teams
Tuesday, June 6, 2023
10:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCILMAN MICHAEL DRISCOLL, CHAIR
COUNCILMAN MARK SQUILLA, VICE-CHAIR
COUNCILWOMAN KATHERINE GILMORE RICHARDSON
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.

ALSO PRESENT:

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY PHILLIPS

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1 INSPECTOR HEALY:

2 Councilwoman, I'm happy to step in
3 and I'm sure my partners can step in.

4 Kristin Bray I think is on the call
5 as well. She coordinates as part of
6 the Nuisance Committee that we have.

7 So if I say anything incorrectly, I'm
8 sure she'll jump in and correct me.

9 The plan right now, this
10 ordinance is really targeted at the
11 business level. So the complaint
12 would come in as they normally would.
13 What happens now is the process once
14 we get those complaints is being
15 shifted as a result of this
16 ordinance. So what happens is the
17 complaints will come in as they do,
18 311, are directed to the Captains
19 which a lot of them come into. So
20 the Captains are identifying and
21 targeting -- I hate to use that word,
22 but they're identifying the locations
23 that are problematic based upon the
24 complaints they receive.

25 This ordinance is very

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1 strategic or (inaudible) I should say
2 in the way that it needs to be
3 applied. So it's not something that
4 the average police officer in the
5 District will be writing tickets on.
6 This is something that's coordinated
7 out of the Captain's office. And I'm
8 happy to share what I've already
9 written before. I have a Police
10 Commissioner Memorandum on this
11 ordinance and it's entitled, A
12 Nuisance for Commanders. That's the
13 actual title of the enforcement plan
14 that we have. It will be updated as
15 a result of this ordinance but -- or
16 the amendments. But the process is
17 the complaints come into the Captain.
18 The Captain identifies those
19 locations. And then basically you
20 have to understand just because
21 nuisances happen at a location
22 doesn't mean that the owner is aware
23 of it or is responsible for it. So
24 there's a step-by-step process.
25 There's a three-step process as you

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1 indicated.

2 The first thing is once we
3 identify nuisance behavior happening
4 out there, we send a first
5 notification letter to the owners of
6 the location indicating, listen, you
7 have nuisance behavior occurring at
8 or on your location. You need to
9 reach out to the Captain. We're
10 happy to reach with you, talk with
11 you and how to develop an abatement
12 plan. If we get no response and we
13 hit it again and go out and get
14 another citation, now it used to be
15 the time period for citations used to
16 be more tight. It's more now three
17 violations as a result of this
18 amendment in a year. So it makes it
19 much easier to do this process and
20 explain it.

21 So the first letter goes out.

22 They don't respond. We go back out
23 again. We cite the individuals for
24 doing the behavior out on the
25 location. A second time we notify

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1 second inspection, third inspection,
2 coordination with the Strike Force or
3 whatever type of coordination needs
4 to take place for the --

5 MS. REINHARDT: I'm sorry. I
6 forgot to mention that our initial
7 inspection we do coordinate with the
8 police for assistance from the
9 Narcotics Strike Force. I forget to
10 mention that. I apologize. So they
11 are present at the initial drug
12 paraphernalia inspection.

13 INSPECTOR HEALY: Can I jump
14 in very quickly and just add, the
15 purpose of our centralizing with the
16 inspector in the Nuisance Abatement
17 Unit or Nuisance Unit is for exactly
18 what you just mentioned, a
19 coordination of efforts and that way
20 they're using the Narcotics Strike
21 Force and using the ROC chiefs if we
22 need to use them for different
23 inspections.

24 So it's that coordination at
25 that higher level out of the Special

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1 Operations Bureau is why that unit
2 was created. It's in its infancy
3 right now, but we are in fact
4 developing SOPs and flowcharts to
5 ensure that all this stuff is better
6 coordinated to the best we can do
7 between our agencies. But that was
8 the purpose of creating that unit,
9 and also assigning an investigative
10 person to that unit which is critical
11 to actually tying -- I guess we do a
12 lot of paperwork, a lot of things
13 happen out front but how do we prove
14 that what happened out front is
15 actually connected to the
16 establishment.

17 It may sound silly for us. We
18 all know on its face. But when Law
19 has to go in and argue these cases,
20 they really need to establish that
21 nexus. It's kind of like a problem
22 law statement in a criminal case.
23 It's very identical. So what we're
24 going to do is make sure that process
25 is in place. So as I mentioned

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1 before, the jobs that we have
2 packaged up and hand off to L&I and
3 Law are completely thorough and
4 there's no holes in the
5 investigations and everything is
6 buttoned up tight, that will help us
7 making sure that these cases don't
8 walk when they go to court. So
9 that's incredibly important. So
10 we've dedicated the resources to that
11 within the Police Department.

12 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

13 RICHARDSON: Okay. Understood. And
14 I have just two additional questions:
15 One would be specifically for the L&I
16 part of the process. What is the
17 timeline for each step in the
18 process? And then finally, based on
19 everything we heard today and knowing
20 where we are in the process and
21 knowing the requests that I know I
22 submitted and many of my colleagues
23 have, if you all can speak to if you
24 believe you currently have adequate
25 staffing to address the numerous